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**Committee Bill No. 159**

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Referred to Committee on Banks

Introduced by:  
(BA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AND  
ENHANCED REGIONALISM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-148kk of the 2010 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

4 (a) As used in this section, "legislative body" means the council,  
5 commission, board, body or town meeting, by whatever name it may  
6 be known, having or exercising the general legislative powers and  
7 functions of a municipality and "municipality" means any town, city or  
8 borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and  
9 borough.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any  
11 special act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance, the chief elected  
12 officials of two or more municipalities that are members of the same  
13 federal economic development district, established under 42 USC 3171,  
14 may initiate a process for such municipalities to enter into an  
15 agreement to promote regional economic development and share the

16 real and personal property tax revenue from new economic  
17 development. Such agreement shall provide that the municipalities  
18 agree not to compete for new economic development and shall specify  
19 the types of new economic development projects subject to the  
20 agreement. The agreement shall also have terms providing for (1)  
21 identification of areas for (A) new economic development, (B) open  
22 space and natural resource preservation, and (C) transit-oriented  
23 development, including housing; (2) capital improvements, including  
24 the shared use of buildings and other capital assets; (3) regional energy  
25 consumption, including strategies for cooperative energy use and  
26 development of distributive generation and sustainable energy  
27 projects; and (4) promotion and sharing of arts and cultural assets. The  
28 agreement shall also include terms providing for at least three  
29 municipal cooperative programs and at least three educational  
30 cooperative programs, including, but not limited to, the following: (A)  
31 Collective bargaining, (B) purchasing cooperatives, (C) health care  
32 pooling with each other or the state, (D) regional shared school  
33 curriculum and special education services, through regional  
34 educational service centers, established under section 10-66a, and (E)  
35 any other initiatives mutually agreed upon. Each municipality that is  
36 party to the agreement shall participate in at least one municipal  
37 cooperative program and one educational cooperative program. The  
38 provisions of this section shall not be construed to require each  
39 municipality that is party to the agreement to participate in all  
40 municipal cooperative programs and educational cooperative  
41 programs described in the agreement.

42 (c) The agreement shall be prepared pursuant to negotiations and  
43 shall contain all provisions on which there is mutual agreement  
44 between the municipalities. The agreement shall establish procedures  
45 for amendment, termination and withdrawal. The negotiations shall  
46 include an opportunity for public participation. The agreement shall be  
47 approved by each municipality that is a party to the agreement by  
48 resolution of the legislative body.

49 (d) The municipality in which real property with new economic  
 50 development is located that is subject to shared revenue pursuant to an  
 51 agreement under this section shall maintain a separate list describing  
 52 such properties. The mill rate used to determine the amount of taxes  
 53 imposed on such new economic development shall be the mill rate of  
 54 the municipality in which the development is located.

55 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
 56 Commissioner of Revenue Services and each municipality  
 57 participating in an agreement entered into under this section that has  
 58 been determined by the commissioner to be consistent with the  
 59 provisions set forth in this section shall enter into a memorandum of  
 60 understanding to segregate and share among each municipality not  
 61 more than one-quarter of one per cent of the amount of the sales and  
 62 use tax under chapter 219 from any state tax that is derived from  
 63 income, items or transactions that result from new regional economic  
 64 development initiatives taken by the municipalities that are a party to  
 65 the agreement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section	October 1, 2010	7-148kk

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide incentives for intermunicipal cooperation and make government more efficient and less expensive.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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